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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Luc MONTAGNIER et al

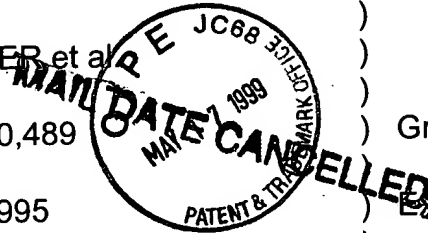
Serial No. 08/470,489

Filed: June 6, 1995

For: RETROVIRUS CAPABLE OF
CAUSING AIDS, MEANS AND
METHOD FOR DETECTING IT
IN VITRO

Group Art Unit: 1818

Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of January 22, 1999. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

[] Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a _____ month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$ _____ for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	36	-	107	-	x \$ 18	\$ 0
Indep.	4	-	3	1	x \$ 78	78.00
[X] First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+ \$270	270 0
Subtotal						\$ 78.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL						\$ 78.00

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[X] A fee of \$ 78.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

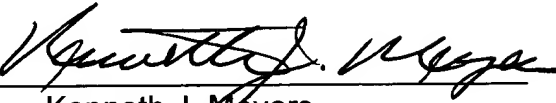
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[X] A check for \$ 78.00 to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: March 17, 1999

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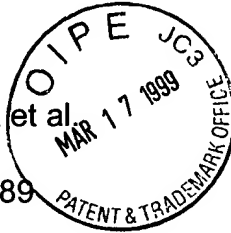
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 25

In response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 1999 (Paper No. 25),
applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel** claims 72-89, and **add** the following new claims:

--90. A method of detecting HIV-2 retrovirus nucleic acid in a biological sample,
said method comprising:

a) contacting said sample with an HIV-2 specific probe under
hybridization conditions selected from the group consisting of hybridization conditions of

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